CHRISTMAS. se crescent moon, now dim and old, ke some good shepherd, through the fold

Of blinking stars, at set of day, With faltering footsteps makes his way. The skies are sprinkling here and there The earth's white breast with jewels rare,

And snow-birds in the barren pines Make common wailing with the winds. The sleigh-bells tinkle in the breeze, And laughter echoes through the trees;

While o'er the crisp and moonlit snow, Then by the fire the father sits.

Or tells of Christ, the Child, who lay In Bethlehem; and how the great And wise men came in humble state

They hear from her the story, how He made men good and pure, and now

And when the children kneel to pray, They bless the Lord for Christmas Day, Charles Knowles Bolton, in Demorest's Maga-

DOWN THE CHIMNEY.

Visit of an Unwelcome "Santa-Claus." A Tale of New York in 1800.



ARY, the boys and I will have to go down to the village to-mor-row morning with row morning with the wood, and I don't suppose we'll be able to get back before but I guess you won't be afraid to stay here

one night alone, will you?"

John Comstock did not look at his little wife as he spoke, but stood with his back toward her, shaking the snow from his old gray hat and coat, for he well knew the shade of disappointment that was passing

"Why, no, of course I'm not afraid," was the ready reply. "What should I be afraid of, and up here among the mountains in this honest little place!—but it won't seem his honest little place!—but it won to a quite like Christmas eve to morrow night without you all—and you know it will be without you all—and you know it will be without you haven't spent it together the first time we haven't spent it together since we were married," she added, hesi-tatingly, with a slight tremor in her usually

dow and looked out. The storm was begin-ning to break away. The snow was now



A WOMAN'S FORLORN FIGURE." ig more gently, and in the East faint luminous streaks of silver gave signs of a perfect moonlight night. He turned with

and if we can get an early start in the mornins, I think we can manage to get back some before midnight—at least some time before Santa Claus comes down the chimney," he added, merrily—"but see here, little wife, I almost forgot the good news that I have to tell you. Parson Stanley settled that old account with me to-day paid me every dollar, and interest besides, and here it is. Now go and put it in some safe place, and take good care of it until I come back. Next spring we'll put a face on this old log house that our neighbors won't recognize. Great guns! I'd like to know where all this cold air comes from!" broke off John, with a sudden change of subject.

"Good evenin'! good evenin'! I thought I'd walk right in without knockin', kind o'

neighbor-like, yer know," and the some-what startled pair looked to see their neigh-bor, Hiram Otwood, standing in the door-

"Jiminy man, you might as well kill a fellow as to scare him to death," good-naturedly exclaimed the honest host, springing up and placing a chair for his

queer guest.
"Do tell! did i skeer yer? I thought I made a great rumpus as I come onto the

"We were busy talking and didn't hear you. Why, how blue you look! Here, take' my chair near the fire, I'm going into the other room for awhile," and the kindearted hostess rose as she spoke.
"O no, I'm not a bit cold. Just you keep your seat," he feebly remonstrated, droping into the proffered chair nevertheless

without any ado and spreading his rough, cold hands in the very blaze of the cheerful fire. "I tried to git wife to come over with me for a little chat this evenin', but she was a-gittin' the childern to sleep and couldn't leave," and the wretched fellow's teeth fairly chattered as he tried to keep up a show of conversation.
"I'm real glad that you've come over, Hiram, for I want to ask you to keep an eye on my premises while I'm gone down to

e village."
"Jest so! When be you goin'!" was the quick inquiry. "To morrow morning, bright and early," splied the other, "and I can't get back un-

"Well, I'm goin' down thar myself to-morrow noon, but I'll have Hanner look "Is that so;" inquired the astonished John, for a trip to the distant village was

not an every-day event among those simple mountain-dwellers. 'Yes, that's so, but Mrs. Comstock feels at all skeered I'll have Hanner come over and stay all night with her. I saw two or three Injuns a-passin' down the road to-day, and mabbe you'd ruther not be alone, Mrs. Comstock," he said, addressing

her as she new appeared.
"Indeed, Pm not the least bit timid," was the spirited reply. "There's not enough life left in one of those poor creat-

"You're right. They wouldn't worry a muskeeter. But I must be a-goin' now." And, rising, the awkward visitor drew an old faded scarf from his pocket and enveloped his head and neck in its folds. "Where be the boys to-night?" he suddenly asked.
"Oh, they've been abed an hour. They're
going with me in the morning, you know,"
and poor, tired John tried not to look bored oor, tired John tried not to look bored e fellow still lingered. A few moments

ater he growled a sort of good-night and ook his departure, slamming the door as "As good and honest a soul as ever lived," said the husban l at last, during to break the silence with a hearty laugh. "You don't suppose he is near enough to hear me, do you! I'm so sorry he's going to be gone to-morrow, for I should feel perfectly easy about you if he were only going to be at home. I'll tell you what I'll do: Pil stop at Mrs. Otwood's in the morning and to I her if any thing happens up here, or if you want her you'll blow the

dinner-horn and let her know."

"O, pshaw, John! what is going to happen? You go and get your kindlings ready for the morning, and don't let me hear any more of this nonsense," and she kissed the shade of anxiety off his face and went into

the little bedroom adjoining.

Long before sunrise the simple house hold was astir, a hearty breakfast was esten, and half an hour later a woman's forlorn figure might have been seen standing alone in the road outside the humble dwelling, in a listening attitude, as the occasional sound of beloved voices came back to her cu the stil' wintry air. Not until the

last tones had died away did she turn and go into the house. It was not long before the sun rose clear and bright, and soon in-dustrious hands dispelled all lingering

senie of loneliness.

The usual household duties over, she pro receded to prepare a pleasant surprise for her dear ones. Ere nightfall, from the rude ceiling overhead depended graceful festoons of evergreen; the silvery frost-work of the windows had a worthy emer-ald setting, and the spacious fire-place filled with golden light and warmth was surrounded by a rich mass of green; in short, the humble little dwelling had been completely transformed by the magic hands of love, and this same touch had fairly transfigured the face and form of the occupant until she appeared every inch the queen of this fragrant, summer bower. At last there was nothing more to be done. Each stocking-Willie's, Henry's, yes, John's, and her own as well-all hung around the chimney, which was surely am ple enough to admit the burly form of Kris Kringle himself, if he still kept up his old custom. And now it was time to prepare for the night. As she drew the plain white for the night. As she drew the plain white curtains together she found, to her surprise, that each window was nailed fast, and she knew that this was the work of dear, thoughtful John before he went away. Why had he been so worried about her, she wondered. There was nothing to fear, she tried to reassure herself, as she went to the outside doors and drew the bolts; neverthe outside doors and drew the boits; neverthe-less, with candle in hand she searched thoroughly each room, not neglecting to lift the bed-valance, and investigate the proverbial hiding-place of thieves and vil-lains. Then she put the candle out and crept softly into bed. Many times she had stayed alone thus without a shadow of fear -why should she care now! she asked berself again and again, and trying to be lieve that she was only nervous from fatigue she at last dropped into a slumber.

How long had she slept! She could not tell, but she had awakened with a start, and was sitting up in bed in a half conscious state. She could not tell what had re used her, but she thought it must have been the striking of the clock, for it was been the striking of the clock, for it was just telling the hour of twelve with starting distinctness; yet there she sat motionless long after the last stroke had died away in the oppressive stillness. The moonlight was shining through the curtains, casting an uncertain light over each object in the room. It seemed as if some mysterious presence had startled her. She listened with painful interest, her gaze fixed on the window consite and as she fixed on the window opposite, and, as she looked, the dark outline of the casement

seemed to move upward. No, it could not be. It must have been caused by the strong wind that was blowing; yet, surely the wind could not move it in that direc-She thought of the Indians that Hirard had seen that day; she thought of the money concealed under the foot of the bed, and then John's charge to her regarding the danger-signal flashed through her mind. She sprang out of bed in an instant, but the next moment, to her dismay, she remean-bered that she had neglected to bring the dinner-horn into the house, and that it was then lying in its accustomed place in the woodshed. She would not venture out there for a kingdom. All her courage seemed to leave her. Noiselessly she went to the window to ascertain to a cer-tainty that it was secure, and as she examed each one in turn, she could distinctly hear footsteps on the crackling snow, fol-lowing her, and trying each window as she approached it. Then the steps seemed to retreat, and a few moments later she heard the door-latch softly lifted, but she knew she had nothing to fear from that direction, and taking advantage of the moment she and taking advantage of the moment she timidly raised a corner of the curtain and looked out. Her fears were all too plainly verified, for there in the bright moonlight was the unmistakable figure of a great brawny Indian. She could clearly distin-guish his swarthy features, and, as his blanket swayed to and fro in the wind she thought she detected a gleaming knife in

his belt.
She hastily dropped the curtain and once more listened with breathless anxiety. For a time all was still; then a strange, rustling sound was heard, and the next thing she realized was that a heavy body was creeping along the roof. Great "The storm is evidently about over. I do! A noise near the chimney secured to an omere snow falls the roads will be fair, and if we can get an early start in the morning I think we can manage to get back home before midnight—at least some time peration came to her. To rush into the peration came to her. To rush into the do? A noise near the chimney seemed to room, drag out the straw bed and fling it on the dying embers was the work of scarcely an instant. Then involuntarily be eyes followed the upward direction of the blaze. There, through the thick smoke, she could plainly see hanging in the chimney a dark form, which appeared to be strug-gling, as if trying to extricate itself.

Wild with terror, and guided now only by impulse, she flew out of the house reached the wood shed, and grasping the horn she blew such loud, frantic notes that they must have been heard for miles in he still, clear air. Then she started to run down the road, but every thing swam be fore her, her knees sank under her, and the next moment she knew no more.

"Never mind; don't talk just now," John was saying to her when she came to herself. "I'll tell you all about it if you'll romise to lie quite still and not ask any



LISTENING OUTSIDE. questions. Santa Claus, alias the nobl trying to come down our chimney when ev trying to come down our chimney when every thing was so nicely fixed up for his reception; but he found it a rather tight squeeze and got pretty well smothered by the smoke; but he dropped down at last, and Mrs. Otwood and I reached the house just in time to prevent a thorough reasting. He was very well done on one side, and just ready to turn when we came in I felt a strong in. turn when we came in. I felt a strong inclination to give him a good basting, but concluded you needed my attention in stead. And now the wily savage has been reduced to an oily one, and lies wrapped in linen bandages, over at the Otwood's. I begged the poor, heart-broken woman to take him in charge, for he bore such a strong resemblance to Hiram that I thought he might turn out to be a long-lost brother, or something of that kind, you know. By the way, I'm under an impression that as soon as the patient recovers we shall lose our neighbors. Can you guess why?" John asked, in a most significant manner "What! you don't understand manner "What! you don't understand yet!" he continued, as a confused, puzzle ook was the only answer. "Well, I mus drop enigmas, I see, and speak in plain En-glish. Your terrible visitor was none oth-er than Hiram Otwood, himself, disguised as an Indian. You remember how cold and blue he looked last night when he came in so suddenly upon us. He had been listen-ing outside for about twenty minutes. No wonder he sat there all of a shiver! The upshot of the matter is that the viliair heard every word of our conversation and came for the money I left with you. There there! you promised you wouldn't tall any," and before the little woman could ut-

Julia H. Theygam. What He Got.

closing the door after him.

"Ah! Good-morning, Dribelles. How did you fare on Christmas! Quite lucky. 1 presume?"
"Tolerable." "What did you get?"
"I got full."

A LITERARY CRIME.

The Isw of Pinglarism as Laid Down B Two English Magazines Two or three years ago the Saturday Review laid down the law of plagiarism in three clauses: (1) "In the first place, we would permit any great modern artist to recut and set anew the literary gems of classic times and of the Middle Ages." (2) "Our second rule would be that all authors have

an equal right to the stock situations which are the common store of humanity." (3) "Finally, we presume that an author has a right to borrow or buy an idea, if he frankly acknowledges the transaction." In commenting on this code I suggested that there might be a difficulty of interpretation in the first clause, for who is to declare any mode in a great artist? In the second clause, the law is clearly stated, and whether any given situation is cr is not common property is a question of fact for the jury. The only difficulty in applying the taird clause is in defining prec sely the degree of frankness and full-ness required in acknowledging the in-debtedness. But hypercriticism is out of place in considering a suggestion as valuable, as needful just now, and as neatly put as this triple law of the contributor to the Saturnay Review. A general acceptance of this code would tend to clear the air of the vague charges of plagiarism which hang in heavy clouds over the literary journals. Before we can decide whether an author is guilty of the offense we must be agreed on what constitutes the cr me, what are its elements, and what are the except ons. I have vent-ured to draw up the statute of exemptions in a form slightly different from that given in the Saturday Reciew, a little broader and stronger, and perhaps a little simpler: "A writer is at liberty to use the work of his predecessors as he will, provided always tha (1)he does not take credit, even by implication, for he does not in any way infringe on the he does not in any way infringe on the pecuniary rights of the original owner."
When M. V ctor en Sardou brought out the farc cal comedy, "Les Pommes du Vo.sin." he was acsused of having stolen it from a tale of Charles de Barnard, and he retorted a nstantly with evidence that he had the reconstitute of the healths against the second of the healths again. had the perm ssion of the holders of the

Bernard copyrights, who were to share in the profits of the play. Here M. Sar-don was innocent under the second clause of my law, but guilty under the first, inasmuch as he had concealed his debtedness to Charles de Bernard and had taken credit for an inventory which was not his own. When Mr. Charles Reade turned Mrs. Burnett's "That Lass o' Lowrie's" into a play called "Joan," without asking the permission of the American author, he was guilty under the second clause and innocent under the first, for there was no concealment of first, for there was no concealment of the source of the drama. With a proper understanding of what is and what is not plagiarism, there should go a greater circumspection in bringing the accusation. Plagiarism is the worst of literary cr mes. It is theft, neither more nor less. All who desire to up-hold the honor of literature, and to see hold the bonor of literature, and to see petty larceny and highway robbery meet with their just punishment, are con-cerned that the charge shall not be idly brought or carclessly answered. But how so often has the amateur literary detective cried "Wolf," that patience is exhausted, and accusations of literary theft have been flung broadcast, until they may be met with a sm le of con-tempt. This is not as it should be. It is contrary to public policy that the literary conscience should become callous. The charge of plagiarism is verserious, and it should not be lightly brought or lightly borne.—Longman's

-We trust we do not lack a feeling of grat tude for the blessings we enjoy. but we are clearly of the op n on that Thanksgiving Day should be selected so as to fall on a Sunday and be made an occas on for devout worship in sporting. Further than this, we don't the acceptability of the modern way of observing the day-a small per cent. of the people meeting in their respective houses of worship, while the bulk of "tired workers" may be at the pool and villiard tables, in the wine rooms, or making the day one of g neral frolicking. - Paris (Tex.) North Texan.

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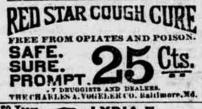
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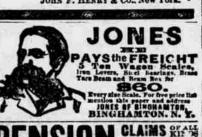
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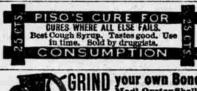
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—It is useless to hope to destroy the acidity of certain soils by the application of lime and other supposed correctives; only drainage will accomplish it.—Boston Bulletin.

-A Manitoba farmer has recovered damages from a seedsman for selling him seeds full of weeds. There can be no doubt of the liability of seedsmen for such damages. - Chicago Jour al.

—Shelter belts to be effectual all the year r und should be of evergreens. A double row of these is worth more as a shelter belt in winter than a dozen rows of decidious trees that offer only naked boughs in winter. - Albany Jour

-A 10x12 or 12x15 ice-house may be built of rough boards very cheaply, and filled when men and teams are comparatively idle, and need a little exercise. It will more than pay it. cost in comfe every summer.—Detroit Tribune.

—Dark green shades are the most serviceable in a kitchen, although halfcurta ns made of checked gingham, cottage muslin, or cheese cloth, run on tapes and tacked to the window sash, will in some cases be all that is needed;

and it is always convenient to have two sets, so as to change comfortably when necessary.—Indianapolis Journal. —It is a rule which is applicable to all manures, that the more finely they are pulverized or div.ded, the more val-uable they become. Not only do they expose much more surface to the feed-ing actio i of roots, but from their fine division they can be much more evenly distr buted through the soil.-Chicago

-This recipe for brown bread will make a good-sized loaf. Two cups of yellow Indian meal, one cup of rye flour, one cup of graham flour, one cup of New Orleans molasses, three tenspoonfuls of baking-powder and milk enough to make a stiff batter. Pour into a buttered mold and steam three hours and a half. When done, brown in the

-In the spring, as soon as the snow is off the ground, our hot suns and drying winds soon thaw out and warm a few inches of the surface soil, while underneath in many sections the soil will be very cold. The surface soil will be much warmer than the soil beneath. The farmers of the Northwest understand this matter and plough their land for spring wheat in the autumn and sow the seed on the surface in the spring, as soon as the surface is thawed out and while the soil below is still frozen.—N. Y. Telegram.

The Empire Sta'e Agriculturist says: "There is many a saving on the farm that is not economy. We were reminded of this fact the other day by seeing a man on his knees drawing water from a well with a pole and bucket, while a pair of horses hung over him waiting impatiently for the refreshing draught. The man has drawn water thus for years, and has saved in this way some dollars in pumps. But how much time has he spent which how much time has he spent which could have been better emplo.ed? how often have his cattle and horses gone unwatered, or wth a scant supply for want of a time and labor-saving pump?" -Dr. C. H. Merr man, the head of

the ornithological division of the Na-tional Department of Agriculture, con-siders the English sparrow a far greater scourge than the caterpillars and inchworms it was imported to destroy. He estimates the annual loss to the riceplan ers from the depredations of the bobolinks at from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,-000. He also says only three out of th rty birds of prey. for whose killing some States pay a premium, destroy do mestic fowls, while the rest live on field-mice, grasshoppers, beetles and other vermin which destroy the grain. — Washington Star.

HOW TO KEEP HOUSE.

A Brief, But Wise, Treatise on a Subject of Great Interest. Women are always somewhat super sensitive about their work. There is probably no point on which this super ens tiveness is more displayed than that of housekeeping. To be called a "slack" housekeeper stings a woman to the quick, no matter how deserved the impeachment may be; yet the mo-ment a woman does that he is exc ting herself in her housekeeping to do more than she otherwise would for fear that "people will tak," that moment she begins to endanger her whole theory of life. It is this keeping house so as to please society and to placate "the neighbors" which is at the bottom of much of the overwork and the belittling of the mind, which are the bane of house-

"Don't try to keep your house too clean," says a clever writer, "or else a step-mother will bring up your chil-The simple but interesting presents

tion of the matter throws a flood of l ght upon it. It intimates that a housekeeper has duties besides keeping nouse and paramount to that one. A housekeeper is usually a wife. A wife, besides seeing that her husband has clean rooms to live in, well-cooke meals and neat clothes, should make herself a companion for h.m. His mind is usually sharpened by activity in business or professional life. She must see to it that her mind is kept as sharp as possible, by reading and study. She should try to remain, so far as her effort can go, what she probably was in the days of their courtship—the most interesting person in the world for him to be with. Above all things, she must keep herself well and strong, or else good spirits, which are the most charming attributes in either man or

woman, will be lacking.

Then she is usually a mother. Her children are full of questions. They desire her companionship and her conversation. Whose else can be so good for them as hers? She should see to it that they have those in full measure and of good quality. She is also a member of some social

c rele. The greatest work that women can do to improve the social fabric is, f course, in the home; but there are many outs de duties which no self-re-specting woman should neglect, and for which she should save a porton of her time and strength.

The keeping of the house, then, is only one of several vocations of the

house-ke-per, and subord nate to those of the w fe, the mother and the social being. Tast is to say, the keeping o the house in which fam ly and friends are to be fed and sheltered is only a means to the securing of their health and happiness. Just as soon as a woman begins to think of the cleaning and cooking as ends in themselves, and devotes berself to the u to such an extent that her usefulness in higher spheres i imp i ed, she is making a mistake. Keep the balance true. Remember that the objects of our earthly toil are to keep our loved on s well and happy. Relegate conversat on about the house hold affairs to the background, unles the humorous side is uppermost. See that good meals, plain and substantial, are served, no matter what cleaning or other work is going on. Do not tire yourself out with trying to do double work in a day. By system this can be avoided. Never mind what "the neigh-bors" say. Keep continually in mind that you are keep ng house not for the

-A little sods water will relieve sick headache caused by indigestion. - THE GIANT OF MEDICINES.

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WHY IS IT SO EFFECTIVE IN SO MANY DIFFERENT DISEASES?

WHY one remedy can affect so many cases is this: The diseases have a common cause, and a remedy that can affect the cause, permanently cures all the diseases. Unlike any other organ in the body, the Kidney when diseased, may itself be free from pain, and the very fact that it is not painful leads many people to deny that it is diseased. But Medicas Autho, it es agree that it can be far gone with disease and yet give forth no pain, because it has few if any nerves of sensation, and these are the only means of conveying the sense of pain; thus unconsciously diseased it affects the entire system. We do not open a watch to see if it is going or is in good order: We look at the hand, or note 'he accuracy of its time. So we need not open the kidney to see if it is diseased. We study the condition of the system. Now then, KIDNEY DISEASE produces Any of the Ioilowing Common and Unsuspected.

SYMPTOMS: Back ache; Unusual desire to urins te at right; Fluttering and pain in the heart; Tired Feelings; Unusual amount of Greessy froth in water; Irritated, hot and dry skin; Flekle Appetite; Scalding sensations; Acid, bitter taste, with furred tongue in the Morning; Headache and Neuralgia; Abundance of pa e, or scan y flow of tark-colo ed water; Sour Stomach; Headache and Neuralgia; Abundance of pa e, or scan y flow of tark-colo ed water; Sour Stomach; Headache und Dappesia; Intense pain, upon sudden excitement, in the Small of the Back; Dap sit if inteous some inne after arrination; Loss of Memory; Rheumarism, chills and fewer and Pneumonia; Dropsical Swellings; Red or White brick dust, albumen and under a state of the water; Constitution, alternating with Loseness; Short breath, Pleurisy and Bronchial affections; Yellow in pale skin, etc.

These are only the child disorters or symptoms caused by a diseased condition of the kidneys. Now then, isn't it clear to you that the kidneys, being the cause of all these derangements, if they re restored to health by the great specific "Warrier's SAFE Cure," the majority of the above aliments will disappear? There is NO MYSTERY ABOUT IT. It does cure many bad states of the system precisely as we have indicated. Now when the kidneys are diseased, the albumen, the life property of the blood, escapes through their walls and passes away in the water, while the ures, the kidney poison, remains, and it is this kidney; joison in the blood, that, circulating throughout the entire body, affects every organ and produces at the above symptoms.

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Therefore, we say confidently that "Warner's SAFE Cure" is THI MOST .FFECTIVE MEDICINE EVER DISCOVERED for the hu man race. It is the common remedy which, overcoming the common cause, r moves the greatest possibly number of evil effects from the system. Let us note a few of these diseases and how they are affected by kidney poison, and cured by

"WARNER'S SAFE CURE."

CONSUMPTION: In a great many cases Consumption is only the effect of a diskidneys are inactive and there is any natural weakness in the lungs, the kidney p ison attacks their substance and even ually they waste aver an
are destroyed. Dip your finger in acid and it is burned. Wash the finger every day in
acid and it soon becomes a festering sore and is eventually destroyed. The kidney poson acid in the blood has the sum a destruct we effect upon the lunger for
this reason a person whose kidneys are alling will have grave attacks of Pro unmonis
in the Spring of the year. Lung fevers, Coughs, Colds, Bronchitia, Pleurisy, etc., at all
seasons of the year. Rectify the action of the kidneys by "Warner's SAFE
Cure," as many hundreds of thousands have done, and you will be surprised at
the improvement in the condition of the lung.

IMPAIRED EVE-SIGHT: Kidney acid with some persons has an esmecial affinity for the optic nerve, and though we have never urged it as a cure for disordered eye-sight, many persons have written us expressing surprise that after a thorough course of treatment with "Warner's SAFE Cure," their eye-sight has been vastly improved. In fact, one of the best oculists in the country says that half the patients that come to him with bad eyes, upon examination he discovers are victims of kidney disorder. We have no doubt that the reason why so many people complain of failing eye-sight early in life, is that, all unconscious to themselves, their kidneys have been out of order for years, and the kidney poison is gradually rulning the system.

OPIUM HABITS: It is a well-known fact, recently shown anew, that opium, more ure their victims by their paralyzing effects upon the kidneys and liver. In these organs the a petite is developed and sustained, and the best authorities state that the habits can not be gotten rid of until the kidneys and liver are restored to perfect health. For this purpose, leading medical authorities, after a thorough examination of all claimants for the honor of being the only specific for those organs, have awarded the prize to "Warner's SAFE Cure."

RHEUMATISM: Every reputable physician will tell you that rheumatism is caused by an acid condition of the system. With some it is uric acid, or kidney poison; in others, it is lithic acid, or liver poison. This acid condition a caused by inactivity of the kidneys and liver, false acid, no the stomach and food assimilating organs. It affects old people more than young people because the acid has been collecting in the system for years and finally the system becomes entirely acidified. Those acids produce all the various forms of rheumatism. "Warner's SAFE Cu-e' acting upon the kidneys and liver, neutralizing the acid and correcting their false action, cures many cases of rheumatism. "Warner's SAFE Rheumat o Cure," alternating with the use of "Warner's SAFE Cure" completes the work.

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BLADDER DISORDERS: Gross and other high medical authorities say that most tion of the kidneys, and urinary track. Uric acid constantly coursing through these organs inflames and eventually destroys the inner membrane, producing the interest suffering. Sometimes this kidney acid soli ifies in the kidneys in the form of Gravel, which in its descent to the bladder produces kidney co ic. Sometimes the acid solidifies in the Bladder, producing calculous or Stone. "Warner's Safe Cure" has restored thousands of cases of inflammation and catarrh of the bladder and has effectively corrected the tend ney to the formation of gravel and stone. It challen es comparison with all other remedies in this work. Buy to-day,

"WARNER'S SAFE CURE."

CONGESTION: Congestion is a collecting together of blood in any one place. If allow the blood to circulate and it stagnates. If this condition exists very long the collecting blood clots and eventually destroys the organ. Many persons are unconscious victims of this very con non condition. The heart, determined as it is to force blood into every part of the system, has to work harder to get it through the clogged organ, and eventually the Heart breaks down and palphtation, excessive action, rush of blood to the head, distressing head aches, indicate that the Congestion of the kidneys is one of the commonest of complaints and is the beginning of much chronic milery. Warner's SAFE Cure?' will remove it

FEMALE COMPLAINTS: What we have said about Congestion applies with parmon as can be, and as every doctor can tell you, most of them begin in this congestive condition of the system, which, not being regularly corrected, grows into disease and produces these countiess sufferings which can be alluded to but not described in a public print. Thousands have been permanently cured. BLOOD DISORDERS: It is not strange that so many, many people write us that "Warner's Safe Cure" their thick and turnid blood, their heavy, blotched, irritable skin have disappeared under its potent indusace. The kidney poison in the blood hic east. It is not readily purified in the lungs, and the result is the impurities come out of the surface of the body, and if there is any local disease all the badness in the blood seems to collect there. Our experience justifies us in the statement that "Warner's Safe Cure" is "the greatest blood purifier known." The treatment must be very thorough.

STOMACH DISORDERS: Many people complain more or less throughout the waterbrash, heat and distress in the stomach disorders. Dyspopsia, Indigestion, Waterbrash, heat and distress in the stomach, sharp pains, frequent aches, want of appetite, lack of energy. Now, these are exactly the conditions that will be produced in the stomach when the blood is filled with kidney pois m: People does themselves with all sorts of stomach reliefs, but get no better: They never will get better until they give their attention to a thorough reviving of kidney and liver action by the means of the only specific— "Warner's SAFE Gure."

CONSTIPATION, PILES: These distressing ailments, more common among one class than the other, are not original disorders, but are secondary to imperfect action of the kidneys and I ver. The natural cathartic is bile, which is taken from the blood by the liver. If the liver fails the bile is not forthcoming and the person gets into a constipated habit. This, eventually followed by piles, is almost always an indication of congested I cer, and a breaking down of the system. Believe the congestion, revive the liver and restore the kidneys by the use of "Warner's SAFE Cure," and these constitutional secondary diseases disappear. HEADACHES: Many people suffer untold agonies all their lives with headache. They try every remedy in vain, for they have not struck the cause. With some temperaments, kidney acid in the bloot, in spite of all that can be done, will irritate an a inflame time brain and produce intense suffering. Those obstinate headaches which do not yield readily to local treatment, may be regarded quite certainly as of kidney or gin.

THESE ARE SCIENTIFIC FACTS: and, from the way we have set them statement we make, that "Warner's SAFE Cure" is the "most effective remedy ever discovered for the greatest number of human diseases," is justified. It is not a remedy without a reputation. Its sales for the past year have been greater than ever, and the advertising thereof less that ever, showing incontestibly that the merit of the medicine has given it a permanent place and value.

People have a dreadful fear of Bright's disease, but we can tell them from our experience that it is the ordinar; kidney disease that produces n; pain that is to-day the greate tenemy of the numan race; great and all powerful, because in nine cases out of ten, its presence is not suspected by either the physician or the victim! The prudent man who finds himself year after year troubled with little odd aches and allments that perplex him, ought not to hesistae a moment as to the real cause of his disease. If he will give himself thorough constitutional treatment with "Warner's SAFE Cure" and "Warner's SAFE Pills," he will get a new lease of life and justify in his own experience, as hundreds of thousands have done, that 93 per cent, of human diseases are really attributable to a deranged condition of the kidneys, and that they will disappear when those organs are restored to health.

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